SBR Testing and Assertion Lessons Learned
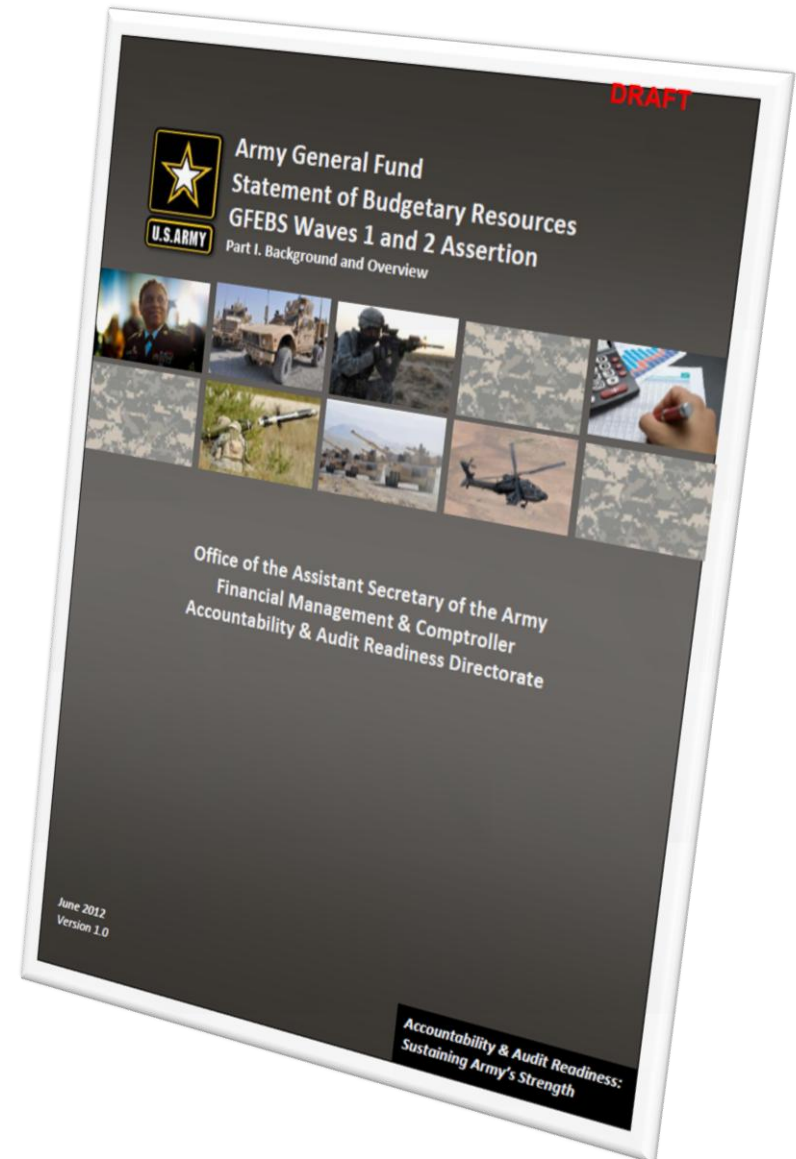
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- Testing Timeline

- Notable Findings

- Testing Lessons Learned

- Assertion Lessons Learned

- Recommendations

- Completed internal self-assessment testing at nine General Fund Enterprise Business System (GFEBS) Wave 1 & 2 sites:
  - 18 Fund Centers
  - 64 Manual Controls

- Conducted first centralized training session in June with HQ organizations

- Moving Forward:
  - Summer 2012
    - SBR Exam 2 at GFEBS Wave 1 & 2 installations by an Independent Public Accountant (IPA)
  - Internal self-assessment testing for Wave 3-8b GFEBS sites

- **Documentation Failures:**
  - Supporting documentation missing
  - Documents not provided in a timely fashion
  - Incorrect documents provided

- **Reconciliation Failures:**
  - Documents not signed
  - Documents not dated
  - Reconciliation not performed

- Data Integrity Failures:
  - Incorrect commitment items used for transactions

- Segregation of Duty Failures:
  - Improper segregations
  - Missing evidence showing segregation of duties

- ## Audit Support Handbook (ASH)
  - Updates will be made to include more details on making the connection between the GFEBS data sample and the PBC request

- ## Provided by Client (PBC)
  - To be updated with better examples of documentation being requested

- ## Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
  - Notable improvement in removal of PII on documentation

- Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) Control Integration
  - Elimination of redundant controls
  - Difficult to map processes from Army to DFAS and DFAS to Army

- Document Compilation
  - Coordinate efforts in a timely manner

- Shared location for document retention
  - Hard copy or electronic are acceptable
  - Digital signatures that include the date of performance are sufficient
- Think like an auditor
- Communication across Commands
  - Inform others of best practices
  - Work together to meet control objectives within a business process
- Communication with Internal Review (IR) and Testing Team
  - Provide explanations for missing sample items

Questions?